

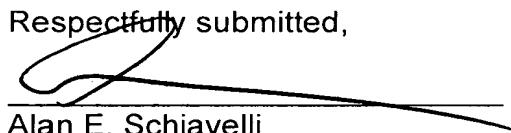
REMARKS

By this amendment, Applicant has amended the title to adopt the second alternative title suggested by the Examiner. Applicant has also amended the specification to correct grammatical and idiomatic errors, especially the improperly hyphenated words. Applicant has also amended the claims to adopt the Examiner's suggestion. Amended claim 1 is similar to the Examiner's suggested claim 1 except that Applicant has indicated that the boiled fiber is from at least one of a Gramineae or Leguminosae plant family. Applicant has also used the word "the" instead of "said." The abstract has also been amended.

In view of the foregoing amendments, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections in the outstanding Office Action, and allowance of the application are requested.

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